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Friend Adlai's "Solution" —

Handcuff All Labor With Gov't Arbitration!

Imperialist Slaughter And Nigerian Freedom

V. Grey

Nigeria held its federal elections this month to choose the government it will have when it gains its "freedom" from Britain on October 1, 1960.

Political independence is a real and great step ahead for this unbelievably oppressed country. And it was won by the most heroic efforts imaginable. But it is only the beginning.

Nigeria is three times the size of Great Britain, with a population of 35 millions, nearly all African. The millions of dollars it gives the "mother" country each year are used for wonderfully good purposes. They enrich the lives of lords, ladies, dukes and duchesses, not to mention Their Majesties, the King and Queen. They are also used to help beautify the cities and public places of Britain.

But in Nigeria, the people starve. And the hell-holes of Lagos, Benin and Kano, lack even the facilities to make life *bearable*, much less beautiful.

The British capitalists (just like the American) boast that their white wage slaves are much better off than they were a hundred years ago. That may be so. But it is not so with the black slaves in Nigeria!

Progress in reverse!

There, the progress has been *backward*. There, the blessings of capitalism have brought scourges of veneral diseases, malaria and other fevers made still more epidemic by the crowded conditions of "modern" wage slavery.

In a country where 60 per cent of the population have malaria, the Christian white capitalists have built just one fever hospital. In a country where diseases of all kinds are a hundred times more virulent than they were before the British came, there is one doctor for 60,000 of population. (There is one doctor for 1,000 of population in Britain.)

In the Niger province, 21 per cent of the children die before they are a year old; 32 per cent by the end of their second year. More than half do not live to the age of five.

But the food these babies could not eat, like the medicine they could not have, is exported in the form of cocoa, peanuts, rubber, tin, lead, palm kernels and palm oil. And wealthy ladies and gentlemen are made more wealthy thereby.

These ladies and gentlemen are "giving" the Nigerians their "freedom" next October. That is, they are giving them the freedom to govern themselves at their own expense instead of Britain's. But they are *keeping* the plantations, factories and mines which enrich them and degrade the Africans.

Until the Nigerian masses seize these mines, factories and plantations, they will not really be free. And their children's bodies will still be coined into British gold.

For a Free Nigeria!

Malam Aminu Kano

African Fighter

Malim Kano is a Northern Nigeria workers and peasants leader, born in the city of Kano, prominent in the Northern Elements Progressive Union (NEPU), which in turn is affiliated to the National Council of Nigeria and the Cameroons (NCNC).

In the recent elections, the neutralist NCNC was defeated by the right wing, pro-Western, Northen People's Congress. Moslem leader of the NPC, Tafawa Balewa, wants to keep Nigeria in the British Commonwealth.

Stevenson Sounds Off in True Wall St. Style As Union "Leaders" Maintain Cowardly Silence

Adlai Stevenson, the man whom "labor" twice endorsed for President of the United States, called on December 8, for an anti-labor law that would give the President much more labor-throttling power than the Taft-Hartley slave labor law, itself.

Harry Truman, who is considered a *right-winger* in the Democratic Party, campaigned in 1948 to *repeal* the Taft-Hartley Law.

Truman was just a capitalist politician who double-crossed the workers who voted for him, of course. But he never had the nerve to announce openly that he advocated *more* anti-labor controls. It takes a most humanitarian extra-liberal "friend of labor" with the crocodile tears streaming down his face, to get away with that!

Labor's Phony 'Friend'

Adlai Stevenson

"Everyone is agreed that the steel strike cannot happen again," Stevenson said in his speech at the plush Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, as he proposed new legislation to stop the strike.

"Everyone is agreed"! Every owner of the steel plants to be sure! But why did not David J. McDonald *answer* the man he twice voted for, who was now trying to handcuff the members of McDonald's union?

"Everyone is agreed"! And McDonald said not a word!

"Irresponsible private power is an intolerable danger to our society," Stevenson told his millionaire friends.

Why didn't David J. McDonald tell Stevenson about the "irresponsible private power" of the 60 billionaire families Stevenson works for, who *rule* "our society" from top to bottom, government and all?

"The steel strike has dramatized the fact that we are at the end of an era," Stevenson, the old New Dealer, said.

It has indeed. The era of government crackdowns and *open* siding with big business has begun. The era of labor depending on its "friends" among the capitalist enemies of labor is ended.

"We are at the end of an era," the man said.

Were you listening, Mac?

Ike's Technicolor Performance in Asia Is Not as Funny as it Looks!

Dorothy Ballan

Eisenhower's world tour seems to have been arranged by a Hollywood press agent. It has all the same unbelievable nonsense of a grade C film, and all the fantastically false buildup that goes with it.

This play-acting of Eisenhower is shrewdly calculated to divert the attention of the masses of people around the world from the real aim of American big business. That is the aim of squeezing the last ounce of profit from countries already squeezed dry.

On his visit to poverty-stricken Pakistan, Eisenhower filled his heavy schedule with important matters of state: — "a horsemanship show, a cricket match, and a helicopter ride."

His daughter-in-law, Barbara Eisenhower, who accompanied him as another "good-will ambassador," gave the trip a nice "cozy" and "homey" note by having a "typical" Pakistani meal — *at a 30-foot banquet table, completely covered with Pakistani delicacies.* (The overwhelming majority of Pakistanis are lucky if they get a bowl of gruel and water every day.)

While "Ike" was living it up, in Pakistan and India, his big business cronies were busy squeezing new concessions out of these already exploited countries.

The day he arrived in Pakistan, the U.S. government magnanimously announced a new 22 million dollar loan to that country. (Amid still more cheers from the homeless.) But there was a slight hitch to this loan. *Every cent of it must be spent in the United States* for products which are higher-priced than in other countries! And so with all future loans.

The press agents' account of the trip told how throngs of people showered "Ike" with roses. But most newspapers just skipped the fact that an entire area of squalid tent homes and paper shacks around the airport where he landed, was razed to the ground.

This was so the "eyesore" of miserable, starved, gaunt people would be removed. These human beings were now "free" to join many others living in the gutters. But the Eisenhower party was spared the stink of their poverty, and the possible upset stomach it might cause.

The center of town was cleared of all the ill-clad, dispossessed people. Only well-dressed figures and smiling faces were permitted in the square. The entire farce reached its climax when "President Eisenhower was interrupted repeatedly by the excited Pakistanis — They broke in repeatedly with cheers." But "*most of them obviously did not understand English.*" (Our emphasis).

Eisenhower's next stop for freedom was India. There, he "got to know the Indian people" by occupying a "luxurious apartment in a 340 room palace."

In India, the average income per person is $60 PER YEAR. Death from starvation is common. Children walk the streets with starvation-swollen bellies. Shoes and tattered clothes are a luxury. And sleeping on the streets is often a necessity.

Supposedly as "aid" to India, American big business has just got an agreement from India for any American capitalist who invests there — "that, if his business is expropriated by the Indian government, he will be able to recover his losses in dollars."

In addition, the United States offers "insurance" to this investor. This means the U.S. government will back up the investor with guns, if the people try to take over their own country.

It was to cover up this hideous plan and others like it that big business had Eisenhower speak about "freedom" in India.

So Eisenhower made a rip-roaring speech for "freedom" and called on the people of India to continue their "free way of life" (at $1.20 per week income). This speech was beamed all over India by *television.*

However, of India's 400 million population, only 40 enjoyed enough freedom to get the great TV message. (There are only 40 TV sets in the whole country.)

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Defense Guards And Mississippi Lynch Law

The capitalist white moguls of Mississippi have once again defied the lily-white U. S. Supreme Court, and sanctioned another legal lynching!

Last October, the Court ruled that Robert Lee Goldsby, a Negro condemned for murder in Mississippi must have a new trial, because there were no Negroes on the jury that convicted him.

So Goldsby got another trial. He was again found guilty. But again the jury was all white!

This should be a jolting lesson to the "gradualists," the pie-in-the-sky believers in the automatically peaceful progress of capitalist society.

After the Supreme Court decision, some Northern liberal newspapers speculated that now *no Negro could legally be convicted for any crime in most of Mississippi!* And therefore the state would have to allow Negroes to vote so that Negroes could serve on juries. That's what the Supreme Court said, wasn't it?

Well, Robert Lee Goldsby was tried the second time in *Jackson*, Mississippi, where it seems that some Negroes really register to vote. Be that as it may, none got on the jury, and Golsby was again convicted.

It goes without saying that we should take advantage of any favorable court ruling. But the point is that the oppressed people cannot *depend* on the rulings of the oppressors' court, no matter how favorable the rulings may be.

As we said on the occasion of the Supreme Court's decree on Goldsby:

"Mississippi is neither going to allow Negroes to register, nor to allow Negroes to escape its Southern-style justice. Only the most credulous fools will believe that the same Supreme Court which double-crossed its own school-integration decree, will now give Negroes the right to vote!" (*Workers World*, November 1.)

We should add to this that the right to vote in the first place, like the right of "trial by your peers," does not *create* freedom. It is a right you get *after freedom is won!*

The fundamental barrier to this freedom in Mississippi is the capitalist White Terror. It is the rule of the mob, backed up by the power of the capitalist state.

Both elections and murder trials are carried on by the mob's capitalist protectors.

It is necessary to declare war on the capitalist-led mob terror if the Negro people are to obtain their freedom. It is necessary for Negro workers and their white allies to begin organizing Civil Rights Defense Guards NOW.

This will be the beginning of freedom. The vote and the fair trial will be the by-products of that freedom.

Wall St. Advocates Violence

When Rob Williams said that "Negroes should meet violence with violence," it set off a cry of "respectable" indignation from coast to coast.

Not only the Negro press, but the great white capitalist dailies, from the conservative New York Times to the Hearst and McCormick gutter journals, all spoke their piece. And they all spoke in reproof of Williams.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was so shocked that it suspended him from his office of local president of its Monroe, North Carolina branch.

We disagreed with all these "respectable" people, and agreed with Rob Williams. And we said so.

But on October 6, last, we read an interesting editorial in the Wall Street Journal. This editorial did not mention the word, "violence." But it suggested that United States capitalism should use the H-Bomb (which is violent enough to kill women, children, the aged and infirm, by the hundred thousand with grand impartiality) for certain worthy and noble — but vague and unclear — aims.

We are still waiting for all the above "respectable" opponents of violence to express their indignation at the Wall Street Journal as they did at Rob Williams.

"Is it moral to pretend that the atom secrets can be put back in the box?" So asked this Journal of Morality. "Is it moral to choose, if it should come to that, that the centuries of Western civilization should be surrendered because a struggle to preserve them might bring a holocaust?"

. . . "Do we decide we must avoid war 'at any cost' because an atom war is immoral?

"Or do we say, rather, to forces of evil, that we will do much to avoid war, but that as men we will not commit the immorality of surrendering mankind simply to preserve the bodies of men? Is it immoral to prefer death to the destruction of liberty?"

Brave, brave words! — But isn't the Wall Street Journal saying that it wants to use violence *before* any violence is used upon it? And Rob Williams only said he wanted to use violence against someone else who used it *first!*

And who are the "forces of evil" that this highly moral Journal wants to rub out with the rather violent H-Bomb? Are they the lynchers, the rapists, the colonial exploiters, the slum landlords, the overseers, the segregationists?

No indeed!

No, these "forces of evil" are the forces who want to expropriate the Wall Street capitalists so that the common people can make a decent wage and live in peace.

There may be some argument about this among the newspaper writers, the church people, and all those who were so shocked by Williams' statement. But any way you look at it, the Journal was *advocating violence*, was it not?

Now where were all the pacifist opponents of violence when the *Wall Street Journal* spoke? Where were the indignant newspaper writers? Where was the militant Negro press? Where was the NAACP?

When the oppressed poor is advised to clench his fist, to stand on his feet instead of his knees, they are all loud in their condemnations. When the wealthy oppressor is advised to slaughter the world itself, they are silent.

Truth on Hungary

Three years after the Hungarian uprising, the capitalist countries in the U.N. are still exploiting it to discredit Communism.

But a New York Times editorial (December 6) now says what no capitalist paper would have said during the uprising itself:

"In historic terms, the 1956 uprising may prove to have been the last convulsion of the middle classes and the peasantry."

Capitalist Culture is Dying
(But Don't Blame it on the Workers!)

Eleanor Stephens

Does the average worker spend innumerable hours soaking in the inane and vicious outpourings of TV? He does. Are there more crowded gin-mills in working class neighborhoods than ever before? There are.

Do working people flock to revivals of Shakespeare or Aeschylus? Do many sign up for courses in philosophy, higher mathematics or the "humanities"? No, they don't.

But why?

Malcolm Muggeridge, writing about the "masses" for the New York Times Magazine (Nov. 21), thinks he has the answer. He thinks working people have *too much leisure time*. He thinks leisure is "The Opiate of the Masses"!

(Perhaps Mr. Muggeridge thinks it would be better to bring back the 12-hour day, when working men and women were too tired after their labors to do anything but roll into bed. No leisure. And therefore, no vulgar enjoyment of leisure!)

But what have the "upper classes" been doing with *their* 24-hour-a-day spare time in these lush years, Mr. Muggeridge? How many of *them* spend their many leisure hours in the pursuit of higher learning and culture? Where are the Shakespeare-lovers among those wealthy idlers who frequent the swank night clubs, follow the horse-races, loll on the sands at exclusive bathing beaches or dribble away countless weekends with cocktails, bridge-games and gossip?

The rich not only rule the world—they also impose their own tastes and values upon it. Whatever the rich man has and does becomes the glittering ideal of the great majority of the working class.

The rich play-boy buys a Hollywood starlet for a few years—the worker buys her image for a few hours. The corner tavern is only an attainable imitation of the Stork Club and the Copacabana. The drivel served up to TV audiences (which we *now* know was not ordered by the "masses" but by the Madison Avenue advertisers) is just a production-line version of the average Broadway play or musical.

As long as the capitalist class exists it will continue to lead the world culturally with soap-operas, leg-shows and payolas.

But when a new ruling class (the working class) takes over, it will in time as it builds a classless society. "impose" a *new* culture on the world — more robust, more vital and infinitely more honest. And it will leave the piddling culture of the Malcolm Muggeridges far behind.

Christmas Story

On November 30, at Newark, New Jersey, federal judge Phillip Forman **dismissed** an anti-trust suit against five major drug companies.

These companies had sold 53 million dollars worth of Salk vaccine. And they all sold it at **exactly the same price.** It was a **high** price. And many children were not able to get this vaccine as a result. But the five companies went free —and they kept their 53 million dollars.

On the next day, December 1, Superior Judge Wakefield Taylor of San Francisco, sentenced 34-year-old Mrs. Inez Rush to 60 days in the Contra Costa County jail.

Why? Because she "illegally" collected $6,500 from the State Relief Authority from January 1, 1955 to September 30, 1959 (an average of about $27 per week). She worked during this period and did not report all her earnings.

Four of her *five children* will be taken care of by relatives, and one by the California Youth Authority, while she is in jail.

Unlike the drug companies, who will keep their $53,000,000, Mrs. Rush was directed by Judge Taylor to repay $1,400 to the state — after she gets out of jail and starts taking care of the children again, of course.

Tiffany and Company, New York jewelers, are now selling a solid gold golf putter — price, $1,475. Ideal present for "the man who has everything."

Drug company officials will probably get them in their stockings.

The Turn-the-Other-Cheek Line Of Rev. Martin Luther King

Reverend Martin Luther King is leaving Montgomery, Alabama, to accept an associate pastorate in his father's prominent church in Atlanta. Is this a retreat to a safe harbor of "liberalism" from the racist storms now stirring Alabama?

That is the question most struggle-conscious Negroes are asking today.

Jet Magazine answers the question by pointing to the much larger monetary offers King has had to preach and lecture in the North. And the truth is that King is not leaving the Negro struggle — as he sees it.

The real point is, just how *does* he see the struggle, what is his program, and can there be victory under his leadership?

King's pacifistic, anti-violence philosophy is genuine. Make no mistake about it. He does not use it as a clever "cover-up" for militant actions. He really believes it, and worse still, he convinces others to believe it!

Here is what he said recently at a civil rights conference, sponsored by the University of Minnesota:

"The Negro must reach the point where he can say, 'We will meet your power to inflict suffering with our capacity to endure suffering. We will wear you down by our suffering and in winning our freedom we will win your hearts. . . .' (!!)

"If the oppressors bomb the home of one Negro for his courage, then this must be met by the fact that they will be required to bomb the homes of hundreds of thousands of Negroes." (!!!)

Coming events in Georgia may bring Reverend King into the fight *in spite of* his anti-fighting philosophy. And in that case, we must all support him in any progressive struggle.

But his "love-your-enemies" *philosophy* is another matter. It is the religion of the contented slave. It is the ideology that serves only the slave-master. It is the ticket of admission that makes King so well accepted in the world of the big white capitalists.

This philosophy must be exposed and cast out like poison.

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Tidal Wave of Union-Busting Mounts; Workers Need Courageous Leaders Now!

Mose Peterson

Youngstown — Government by injunction! This is the savage reality in the Youngstown district in the wake of the giant steel union's passive surrender to the federal Taft-Hartley injunction.

The trade unions have been hit with a tidal wave of union-busting injunctions here in the past few weeks.

A strike by the United Steelworkers against the Liberty Manufacturing Co. has been threatened with defeat by a court injunction. A temporary injunction was issued by the Trumbull County courts restricting pickets to two on each gate. This injunction was allegedly issued without even giving the union a hearing and the woman president of the local was arrested when she relieved the other two pickets on the line because at that moment there were more than two pickets on the line!!

Three union leaders were arrested and charged with contempt. Judge Birrel promptly found them all guilty and fined them $200 each.

The charge against State Senator Charles Carney, staff representative of the Steelworkers, was 'intimidation by telephone.' This was gleefully publicized thoughout Ohio since Carney comes closer to speaking for labor in the State legislature than any other, and is bitterly hated by the reactionary Ohio political machine.

The Teamsters union has called a strike for union recognition by the operators of the Pigeon Hole parking building in downtown Youngstown and here again the court promptly issued an injunction limiting picketing. And union members have been arrested and charged with assault against scabs, as well as being sued for heavy financial damages.

This week, a long standing dispute between the Brotherhood of Railway trainmen and the P and L.E.R.R. erupted in a strike against the railroad. This short Pittsburgh-to-Youngstown railroad is a vital artery in and out of the steel mills, and a strike of any duration would begin to shut the mills down.

Once again, a pliant judge was ready with a strikebreaking injunction. After only eleven hours on strike Federal Judge John McIlvanie in Pittsburgh ordered the men back to work and the union complied.

The dispute is over working rules and the payment of standby crews, and was triggered by the installation of the giant new classification yards in the Youngstown district. These electronic and automated yards are supposed to be the most modern in the United States, and have cost hundreds of railroaders their jobs.

A decertification election request against the United Steelworkers has been filed by the Youngstown Manufacturing Co. The bosses of this phony gyp joint had previously moved almost their entire operations to the South, and when the contract expired this year had only about twenty workers working in the Youngstown plant. Nevertheless the workers struck the plant and now the attempt at decertification is being made.

As for the Steelworkers themselves, now rapidly approaching the midpoint in the 80-day injunction, there is among their ranks no discernible desertion to the side of the corporations. We believe that a labor board election held today would give a ten to one majority against the Steel bosses' last offer.

The Steel union leadership is starting a propaganda campaign to win the election against the last offer. But the energy now being devoted to this campaign is not going to win the strike. The real threat is seen in the growing dictatorship of injunctions and the rabid demands in the federal government for ever more extreme killer laws against the unions. The task is to show the link-up between the capitalist state and the corporations and the complete unity in this brotherhood of terror against the working class.

On this score the union leadership is failing badly and displays apathy, ignorance and cowardice, while striving to maintain its unprincipled political ties with the Democratic party and its poisonous brood of injunction-crazed judges.

Injunctions and new anti-labor laws will only be defeated by a massive revolt of the whole working class. The United Steelworkers can lead this revolt. The ranks have shown they have the necessary courage and perseverance in the face of tremendous odds.

All that is needed is a leadership with equal courage and equal perseverance.

US Exports 'Democracy'

The U.S. Post offices in the U.S.-owned Panama Canal Zone have "colored" and "white" windows for patrons.

Instead of being so brutally frank as some establishments in the U.S. Southern states, however, the signs say "silver" and "gold."

Most Vital Statistic!

The death rate in China in 1952 was 18 per 1,000 of population. Today, it is 11 per 1,000.

In the United States, it was 17.2 per 1,000 in the year 1900. By 1950, it was reduced to 9.6.

The death rate is the most vital statistic of all. And the capitalist United States took fifty years to cut it down as much as Workers China did in seven!

Drug Scandal

They Play Payola With Invalids' Lives!

Eleanor Stephens

It is estimated that the American public is being overcharged $750 million a year for drugs! The drug manufacturers have been getting away with 7,000 to 10,000 per cent profits on sales of some of their most popular items.

The section of the drug industry that is now on trial, known as the "ethical (!) pharmaceutical industry," covers those medicines that consumers feel most compelled to buy. They are what the doctor orders when he writes a prescription. And most people are afraid for their health or even their lives if they fail to get the prescription filled.

That's why the pill peddlers have a big edge over, let's say the dress or the ice cream vendors, who can sell to people only when they feel they can afford to buy dresses or ice cream. We all buy drugs when the doctor orders them whether we can afford them or not, and if we can't get them at reasonable prices we'll go into debt to pay unreasonable or even outrageous prices for them.

However, the scandal of the drug industry is only the scandal of capitalism itself — excess profits, monopoly price-fixing, the cost of high-priced advertising passed on to the consumer, the squeezing out of small producers. All these scandalous practices are the rule, not the exception in the capitalist world, (though you'd think when you read the papers that these unscrupulous medicine men were something new and strange to the American scene).

So how about the *non*-capitalist world? Take China, for instance. A few months ago American drug makers threw up their hands in horror because the Chinese government was selling certain antibiotics at *half the price* Americans must pay for them. (See *Workers World* Oct. 1). These quacks, who have made a big business out of the American workers' dire need, insisted the Chinese were selling *below cost* for political purposes!

Now, at last, American workers know that half-the-price is what *they* should have been paying all along, and the drug moguls wouldn't have had to sell below cost either, they'd still have made a tidy profit!

The Wall Street Journal expressed the attitude of the class it writes for when it ended a report about Chinese medicine with the following paragraph:

"What haunts U.S. drug firms is the fear that this is just the beginning of much greater Communist use of medicine as a Cold War weapon, which could threaten . . . much greater sales losses in the future."

Amen!

China-India Border Question

Chinese Anti-Communist Adds His Voice To Help Prove That China's Claim is Just!

Chang Hsin-hal, a former diplomat for *Nationalist China*, now on the faculty of Fairleigh Dickinson University in this country, wrote a lengthy letter to the New York Times (December 6) strongly defending the present Chinese *workers* state in its border dispute with China!

(This is indeed a newsworthy letter — when we remember that *Khrushchev*, the most important ally of the Chinese workers state, is "neutral" on the side of capitalist India! — Likewise, of course, with all the Communist parties of the world. All the Social Democrats and "democratic socialists" also support Khrushchev on *this* question!)

Mr. Chang speaks of the Simla Conference of 1914 at which Britain imposed the now-disputed McMahon Line. This was supposed to be the new boundary between Britain's colony, India, and the nearly prostrate China. But China, weak though it was, never accepted this imposition.

Chang writes:

"The convention and exchanges of notes signed by the British and Tibetan representatives have not been made public until now and probably never will, not having reached the status of legal documents. They fell short of the essential requirements to make a treaty or convention valid and have therefore no standing in international law. That seems to have been the clear understanding even of Sir Charles Bell, who, as a British official, took part in the Simla Conference as a member of the Tibetan delegation! The Dalai Lama himself did not ratify the convention. China did not even sign the convention, let alone ratify it."

"That the Simla Convention has no legal value seems to be further borne out by the fact that it is not even included in the comprehensive "Treaties, Engagements, and Sanads Relating to India and Neighboring Countries" compiled by C. U. Aitchison under the authority of the Foreign and Political Department of the Indian Government."

This writer tells the truth, which both the *Worker* and the *Militant* have concealed. The right-wing, anti-Communist Mr. Chang Hsin-hal is more sympathetic to the Chinese Communist Party's territorial claims than is the Communist Party leader, Khrushchev, or the Indian Communist Party, or the American CP, or the "democratic socialist" SWP!

Of course there is a reason. Khrushchev and the CP's lie and conciliate with capitalist India because they hope to mollify the imperialist United States. The SWP lies and conciliates because it lives in a middle class world and is basically (although not in words) even more pacifist and anti-revolutionary than the Communist Party.

And Mr. Chang Hsin-hal tells the truth because he hopes that the reactionary Chiang Kai-shek will live to enjoy the rightful border between India and China. But the fact remains that here an anti-Communist is to the left of all the "leftists"!

This is not especially to the credit of Mr. Chang. But it is most emphatically to the *discredit* of these so-called "leftists."

Even Lippmann!

"For one thing, the Chinese, and that includes the Nationalist Chinese in Formosa quite as much as the Communist Chinese on the mainland, do not recognize the legality or the rightness of the McMahon Line as a frontier. They assert that this line, which the Indian government claims is the legal one, was imposed on Tibet by the British who dominated Tibet when China was helpless and in the throes of a revolution."

—Walter Lippmann in the December 10 Herald-Tribune

The Old China

Tibetan Basket-Maker, 1949

. . . And the New

Lathe Operator of Loyang, 1959

Comrades of the French CP:

If You Support de Gaulle's Algerian "Peace" Policy You Tighten His Rope Around Your Own Necks!

The French Communist Party is now accepting dictator de Gaulle's position on "peace" in Algeria! The responsibility for this lies squarely at Khrushchev's door.

On September 16, the French CP properly condemned de Gaulle's double-faced offer of peace to the Algerian rebels. But on October 31, *Khrushchev* made his well-known speech of conciliation with de Gaulle.

So on November 3, the Central Committee of the French CP published a resolution — "For negotiations on the basis of self-determination, for peace in Algeria." (This is substantially the same as de Gaulle's formulation.)

Maurice Thorez, leader of the French party, then innocently asked: "Can we be against peace because de Gaulle is for it?"

But there are *two kinds of peace* for Algeria:

One is the oppressor's peace, with the French Army *still occupying the country* while it dictates the peace conditions to a rebel army that must lay down its arms *first*. This is the kind of peace de Gaulle wants.

The other kind of peace is the peace of *colonial liberation*. This requires that the French Army get out of Algeria *first*. This is the kind of peace the Algerian people want.

Class struggle or phony "peace"?

Why does the CP not call for the immediate and unconditional independence of Algeria? Why does it not call for the immediate evacuation of French troops *before* negotiation? And why does Moscow not even *recognize* the Algerian rebel government (as China does)?

First and foremost, because the French CP is now sacrificing everything — *including the class struggle* — to Khrushchev's "peaceful coexistence" scheme with Western imperialism.

Second, because the CP leaders falsely equate the borders of the Soviet Union with the borders of the world revolution. That is, they have faithfully followed the line first laid down by Stalin and now continued by Khrushchev.

This is the line that deems it correct to sacrifice the Algerian revolution in return for an unreliable non-aggression pact with predatory French imperialism —a fatal delusion! And a downright betrayal, even if it "works"!

Why is a non-aggression pact with France so important to Khrushchev? — Because it would superficially at least, help the Soviet Union. It would mark the beginning of the long-awaited pull-back of troops in Europe — the Soviet troops going east and the capitalist troops going west.

Insofar as a troop pull-back really helps the Soviet Union, every class-conscious worker must support such a move. But there is *only one reason* the imperialists will agree to it, *if they ever do.*

So they will have more troops free to shoot down their rebellious slaves in Africa!

The imperialists will never agree to help the Soviet Union in any way that does not also help themselves. And de Gaulle is no exception to this rule.

In fact, he is among the most *desperate* of all the imperialists. He wants desperately to hold on to France's waning colonial power. That is the reason he is more willing to talk to Khrushchev.

Khrushchev is playing a cynical game with the lives of the Algerian masses — and also with the devotion of the members of the French Communist Party.

The Khrushchev line, if it succeeds, will not only sacrifice the Algerians, it will stabilize the semi-fascist rule of de Gaulle in France itself. If it does, the French Communist Party will suffer the most.

Against Freedom

United Nations. Dec. 7 — A very mild resolution calling for *discussion* between France and the Algerian National Liberation Front was defeated here today.

The United States was among those voting against it.

De Gaulle's Memoirs Reveal How CP Disarmed Itself — 1945

It is nothing new for the French Communist Party to be supporting the semi-fascist de Gaulle.

When de Gaulle was head of the government in the period immediately after World War II, the CP participated in his cabinet, supported his wage freeze, opposed strikes, and disarmed its own "resistance fighters" (the Maqui) — all in the name of "national unity" (i.e. unity with the bourgeoise).

The net result of all this was to rescue French capitalism and scuttle French communism!

The following excerpt from de Gaulle's newly-published memoirs gives added proof of this. (A friend of *Workers World* in Paris saw the quote in *Le Monde*, translated, and sent it on to us.)

"In November, 1944, I approved the proposition . . . to accord to Maurice Thorez, condemned five years before for desertion, an amnesty. This amnesty was declared by the Council of Ministers (like the U. S. Cabinet). The Secretary General of the 'party' was then able to leave Moscow and return to his country.

"For a long time, by the way, my indulgence on his account had been asked for from all sides. He himself sent me several petitions. However, if I believed it necessary to adopt this measure of clemency at that particular time, it was *for very deliberate reasons* (our emphasis).

"Taking into consideration the circumstances then, the events which have since taken place, and the needs of today, I believe that the return of Maurice Thorez to the leadership of the Communist Party can today carry more advantages than disadvantages (that is, for French capitalism! — ed.).

"This, in effect, will be the case as long as I am at the head of the State and the Nation (in 1945-6). Assuredly the Communists will daily . . . spread their insults. However, they will attempt no insurrectional movement. Better still, as long as I govern, there will not be a single strike. It is true that the party will spare no means to influence the economic, political, trade union and electoral scene. . . .

"But as long as the Communists aim at preponderance within a parliamentary regime, the society runs fewer risks. . . .

"As for Thorez, all the while trying to further the business of communism, he will on several occasions render service to the public interest (de Gaulle means the interest of *capitalism!*—ed.).

"As soon as he arrives in France, he helps bring an end to the last phases of the 'patriotic militias' which certain of his people stubbornly want to maintain in a new form of clandestinity. (He is referring here to the armed anti-Nazi workers' groups which could have been the nucleus for taking state power in France. — ed.).

"To the extent to which the hard rigidity of his party permits, he opposes himself to the measures of sabotage by the committees of liberation and to the acts of violence which certain over-excited groups try to carry out.

"To those workers who listen to him — and there are many, especially the miners — he doesn't cease to spread the slogan 'work as much as possible' and 'produce at any expense.'

"Is this simply a political tactic? This is not for me to figure out. All that matters is that France (he means French capitalism — ed.) is served."

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It is in reality not so hard to "figure out" why the French CP failed to take power in France at a time when it had the strength and arms to do so.

Thorez had just come to France from *Moscow* in 1945. He brought with him the *conservatizing* influence of the Moscow leadership which did not want to face the *risk* of a revolution in France — regardless of how much the French workers needed it.

The Soviet bureaucracy hoped that the Western imperialists would live up to their agreement at Yalta. Stalin thought that if France were allowed to remain capitalist, the imperialists would be so grateful that they would not mind the sovietization of East Europe!

Khrushchev never listed *this* among Stalin's crimes nor among his colossal blunders. Naturally. He is committing the same kind of crimes and blunders himself!

Workers Pay Taxes to Support Capitalists' Gov't!

Frederick Matteger

Nearly five-sixth of the income tax is now paid by the 20 per cent bracket, or the poorest taxpayers.

Why?

Stated simply: The rich control the government and they increasingly excuse themselves from tax payments.

In 1929, two-thirds of the Federal income tax was paid by the taxpayers making over $100,000. Only one-twentieth was paid by those making less than $10,000.

Now You See It —

Your taxes buy a lot of useless military hardware. But they also buy a little bit of useful food.

Only trouble is, few people ever get to *eat* this food.

If yours is an average family, you had an investment interest of $131.89 in surplus farm commodities as of December, 1958. On that date, you owned 14 bushels of wheat, 21 bushels of corn, 300 pounds of grain sorghum, a peck of soy beans, a bushel of barley, some butter and assorted cheeses.

You were helping to pay a million dollars a day to store it, too.

But you couldn't have any decent amount of this for yourself because the whole idea was to let it all rot so you would have to pay higher prices for the same stuff at the grocery!

Some system!

Since that time, with the depression and the war—and the depression-held-off-by-military spending state we are now in, the Federal government has needed more and more money to keep the capitalist system alive. Like a dying old rich man being kept alive with constant blood transfusions the capitalist system needs a constant flow of blood-money transfusions. As the amount increases, it increasingly comes from the blood of the workers.

A few of the angles!

In the last ten years big business and rich individuals have been handed more and more devices for escaping taxes.

- Much of the income of the well-to-do is not even reported.
- Things are given to charities. The charities give receipts for much more than the gifts are worth. This amount is then deducted from taxes.
- Tax-free foundations are created (Ford Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation and a host of lesser known ones).
- Foreign companies are formed and money is brought back in tax-reducing ways.
- Huge tax-ducking devices have different names: depletion allowance (oil industry), accelerated depreciation, capital gains etc.

There are many more. All add up to one thing: the rich avoid taxes.

Tax laws supposedly take 91 per cent of income over $200,000. But no one actually pays it. The government is lucky to get 37 per cent as they did in 1956.

The reasons that were handed out for these don't-tax-the-rich laws were of this nature:

1. It will help business prosper because businessmen will have more incentive to make money.

2. And "what is good for business is good for you."

Most of the tremendous Federal tax take is spent directly and indirectly on war equipment. The biggest contracts are handed to the biggest tax duckers who make Mt. Everest-high profits on each transaction. And after they make these profits they find new and more effective ways to avoid giving any of it back to the government.

— Now You Don't!

About 12 cents out of each dollar you pay in tax goes to pay the bankers the *interest* on the National Debt.

In 1956, a motion was made in Congress to spend *one cent* of the tax dollar for school construction.

The motion was lost.

Workers pay for bosses' gov't!

Yet while they shove it in their pocket with one hand, the other hand is extended for more money-making government contracts. And somebody must pay for them. Who? The workers! (Income tax, gas tax, cigarette tax, movie tax, hidden tax).

Long ago in the decaying stages of the feudal system—that time of kings, lords and serfs, with merchants and businessmen on the rise — the finest thing for the king to do, and he did it increasingly, was to excuse his lords from paying taxes. As this went on, those richest and best able to pay paid nothing, and the load fell with an intolerable weight on the backs of the rest. This helped lead to the greatest eruption of those times: The Great French Revolution, which broke the power of the kings and lords. It was a great advance, but it gave the power to the new man of that period — the businessman.

The coming eruption will be The Great American Revolution. It will break the power of the rich forever. It will give the power to the worker. Then we will build a socialist society where cooperation and justice rule.

Cancerous System!

The U.S. government spent nearly two million dollars last year buying up "surplus" tobacco so the big tobacco growers would get a good price for their product.

At the same time, the U. S. Public Health Service published literature on the dangers of lung cancer due to smoking.

Can you imagine the Soviet or Chinese government engaged in such a crazy, two-headed, self-defeating business as that?

Of course not! Only capitalist "free enterprise" (big business) could make its government keep the price of its product high at the very time it was warning people against it!